GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Pest Control
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any programme that promote awareness in the use of bio-pesticides particularly in using predators to control pest population;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government has been taking various steps to train farmers, especially those in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan, in countering whitefly pest population through use of predators like chrysopa or other sustainable organic methods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government of India is promoting use of bio-pesticides under the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach which employs cultural, mechanical & biological methods of pest control alongwith need based judicious use of chemical pesticides. The Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) promote IPM through Farmers' Field Schools and various training programmes. Package of practices for control of pests and diseases in 66 crops have been revised to include techniques to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides and encourage use of bio-pesticides and other alternative plant protection measures. The requirement for registration of bio-pesticides has been simplified to facilitate introduction of bio-pesticides. Central Government provides grant-in-aid of Rs.45.00 lakhs for building and Rs.20.00 lakh for procuring equipments for Bio-control Laboratories for production of bio-control agents including bio-pesticides to State Governments. Central Government also provides Rs.20.00 lakh as grants-in-aid to State Governments for procuring equipments for Bio-pesticides Testing Laboratories.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Farmers Field Schools are being organized with the assistance of Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) across the country (including Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan) in crops like cotton, vegetables, potato, tomato, citrus (Kinno) which are considered as preferable hosts for white fly, wherein the farmers are being trained/ taught about the identification and conservation methods of various predators like chrysopa, lady bird beetles, spiders and other predatory fauna found in agro eco-system. In the current year (upto November 2015) 48 FFSs have been organized in States of Haryana, Punjab & Rajasthan in which a total of 1440 farmers have been trained.

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